

**PATENT APPLICATION**

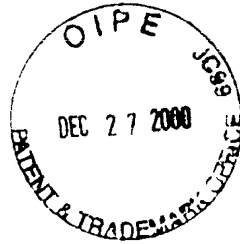
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Alain BRUGOT, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/331,674

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Group Art Unit: 3722

Examiner:

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING IMAGES HAVING AT LEAST A CODED PART  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, and to advance the prosecution thereof, please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 3, after line 37, insert:

--The patent US 4 763 928 describes a process enhancing the reliability of the identification of products by marking the latter with a multitude of micro-labels all bearing the same coded and/or non-coded items of information affixed to sites known only to authorised persons. All the products of one and the same series bear identical labels places in the same positions. This process has the major drawback of being industrially cumbersome if the number of labels affixed is high, but can be easily exploited if this number is low, since the labels all bear the same information.